



CONNECTICUT BACK CENTER

Comprehensive Spinal Care

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Chairs Haskell and Lemar, and Members of the Committee,

I'm Jesse Eisler and I'm a spine surgeon and business owner from West Hartford. My clinic, the Connecticut Back Center, is located in Vernon, and I am a proud parent of three successful kids raised in Connecticut since 2005.

I'm here to speak in support of Bill 5366, specifically the one-word change to the autocycle definition on page 14.

I am a board member of an American vehicle manufacturer called Arcimoto, which is making three-wheeled electric vehicles out on the west coast. I got involved with them because I found out about them on a vacation and I am excited by the idea of ultra-efficient vehicles that don't pollute and don't take up much space and could reduce traffic and even car accidents. I commute on interstate 84 and we all may recognize the need for change, improvements, less reliance on fossil fuels. I am an investor and now a board member for Arcimoto. The vehicles get the equivalent of 173 mpg, but it's all electric, so there are no emissions... and they can go 100 miles on a charge. They can also go up to 75 mph and are super fun to drive.

Currently, Connecticut exempts some users of SOME three-wheeled vehicles from motorcycle endorsement requirements, but that exemption does not apply to this vehicle because it has handlebars, and the autocycle definition specifies/requires a steering wheel. That is an arbitrary distinction and this bill fixes it. The vehicle is safe, super stable, and doesn't drive or feel at all like a motorcycle.

I have driven them several times, most recently on a visit to Oregon two weeks ago. I DO know how to ride a motorcycle and aside from a few similar controls this is entirely different, and this is easy and fun.

These will be great vehicles for Connecticut, from people commuting to work or to park-and-rides, to running errands, to enjoying our beach towns, and I can't wait to see them here. This bill is one important step in bringing them here.

Thank you for your service, and for consideration of this simple and beneficial change.

Sincerely,

Jesse Eisler MD, PhD, MBA